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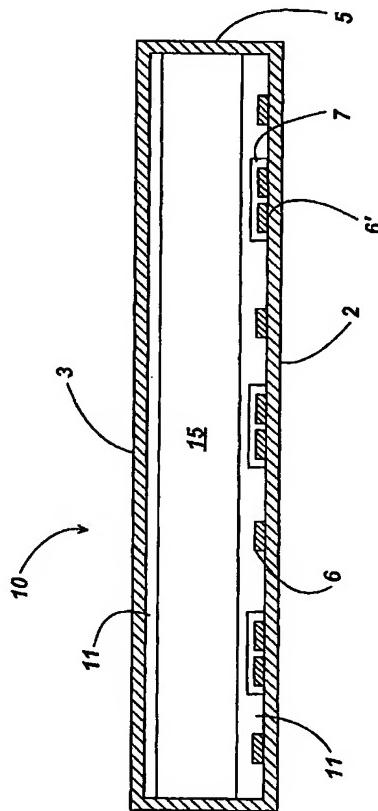
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(54) Title: VUV-EXCITED DEVICE WITH BLUE-EMITTING PHOSPHOR



(57) Abstract: Blue-emitting phosphors for use with plasma display panels (PDP) or other vacuum ultraviolet-excited (VUV) devices are provided. These blue-emitting phosphors and mixtures thereof include at least a europium-activated calcium-substituted barium hexa-aluminate (CBAL) phosphor. Preferably, the CBAL phosphor has a composition which may be represented by the formula: $Ba_{1.29-x-y}Ca_xEu_yAl_2O_{19.29}$, wherein $0 < x < 0.25$ and $0.01 < y < 0.20$. These blue-emitting phosphors exhibit improved degradation characteristics, including reduced color shift and increased intensity maintenance, under conditions found in VUV-excited devices.

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